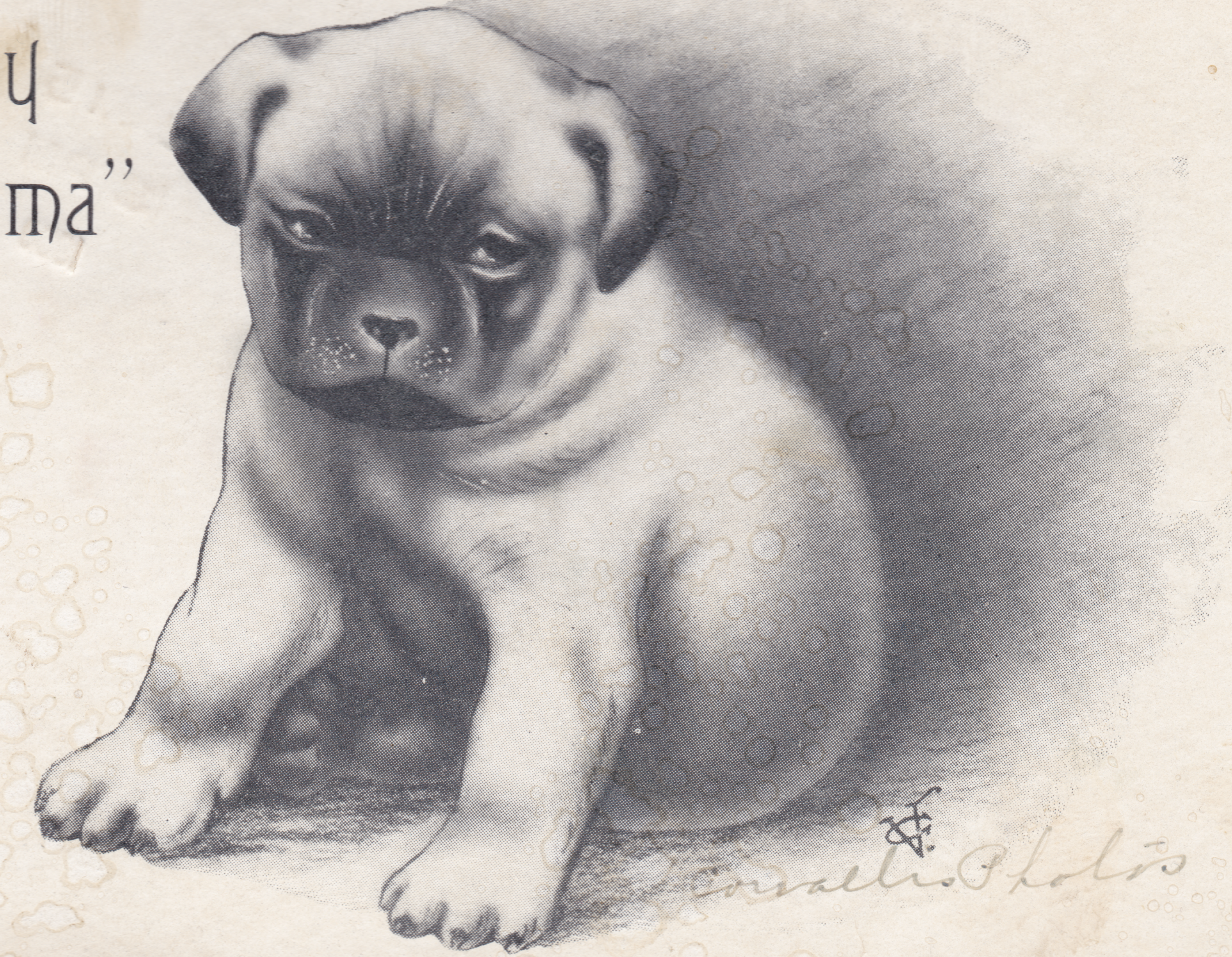
"I want my
mama"



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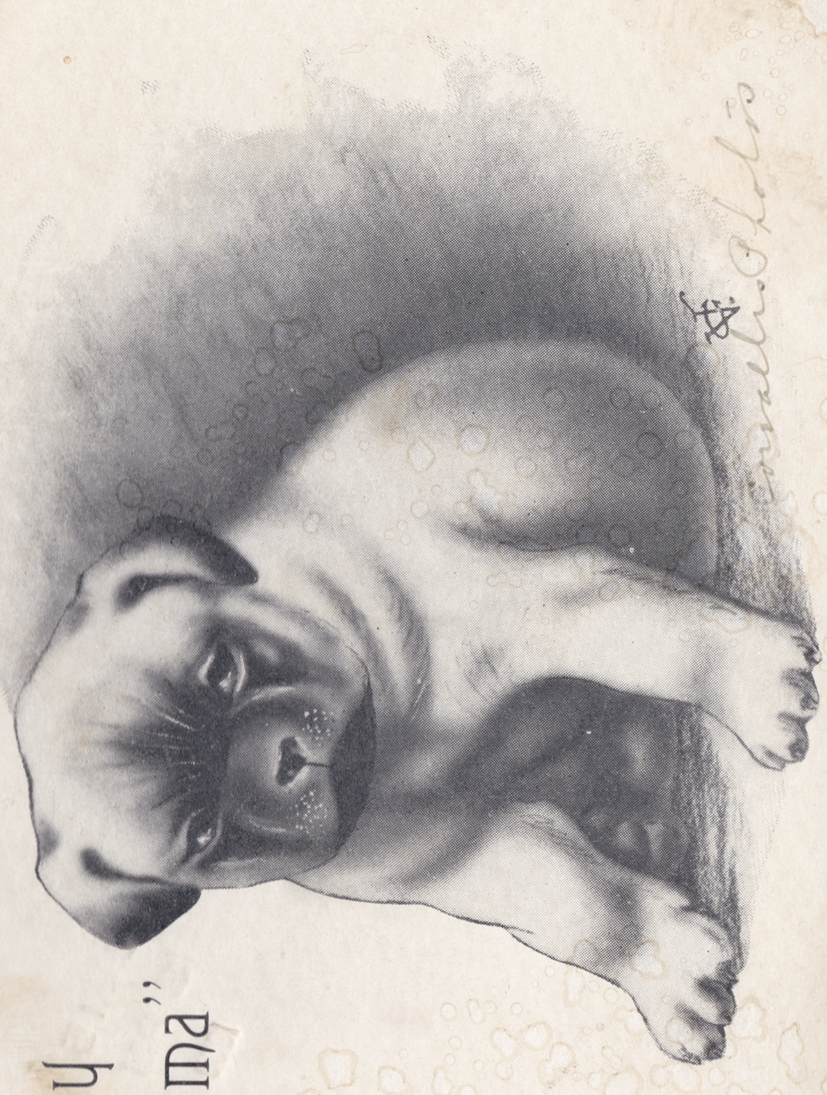

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POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE

I want my Helen

Do you look

& feel like this.

I'm sure you

do. S. M.

SSS

Roy sends regards.

ADDRESS

ROSEBURG ORE
JAN 15
3 PM
1909

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
1706 FRANKLIN 1790
POSTAGE ONE CENT

Miss Helen Smith
Corvallis
329 ~~S~~ 2" St
Ore

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Postcard to Helen V. Smith – "I Want My Mama" – Corvallis, Oregon

January 16, 1909

Notes

Jeffrey Hunt

August 18, 2026

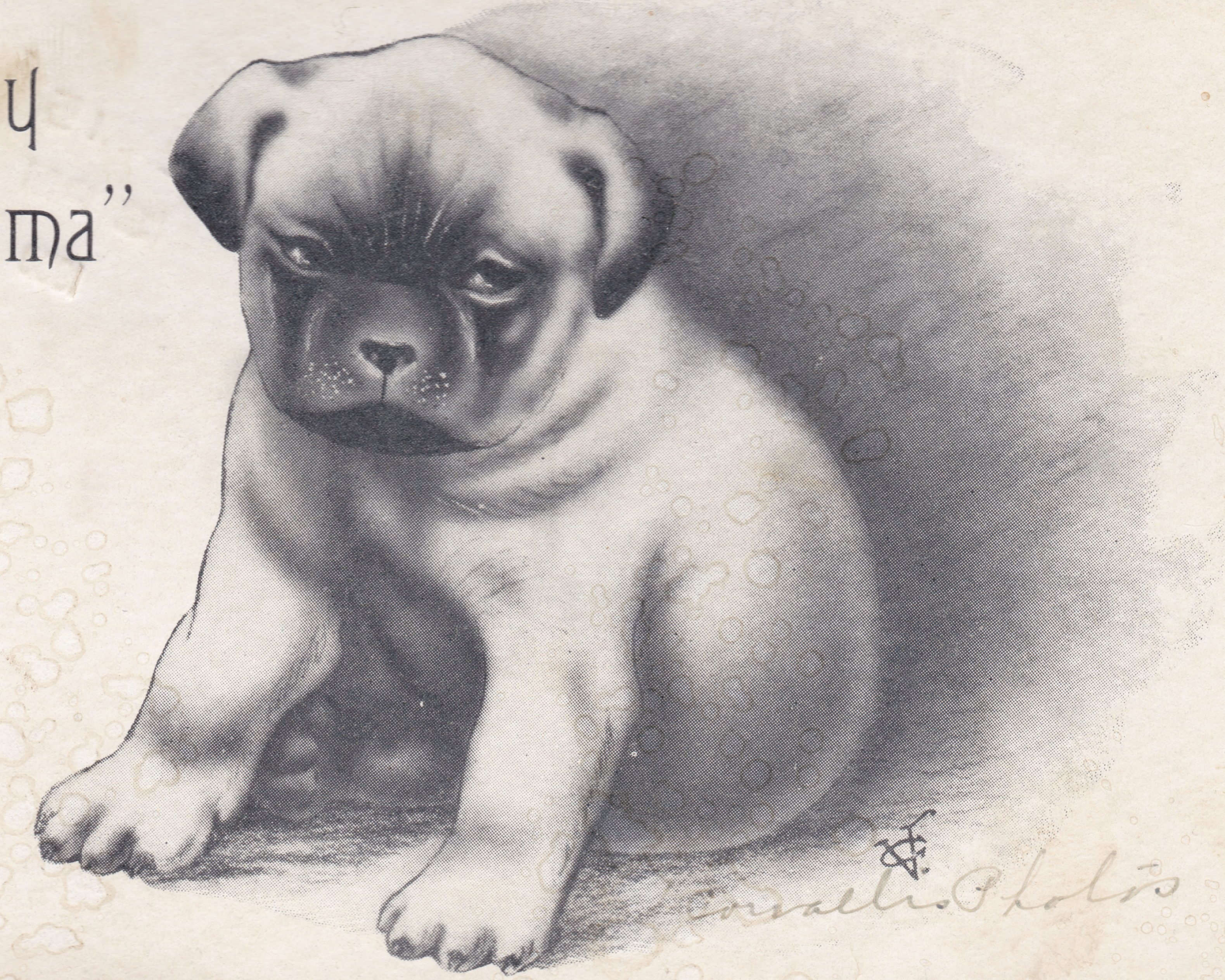
Postcard addressed to Miss Helen Smith at 329 2nd St., Corvallis, Oregon, and postmarked Roseburg, Oregon, January 16, 1909. This is the same Helen V. Smith represented by several other postcards in the group.

The front depicts a pug puppy with the printed caption "I want my mama." A faint pencil inscription at the lower right appears to read "Corvallis Photo" or possibly "Corvallis Photos." Its meaning is unknown.

The handwritten message on the reverse is playful and personal. At the top, the sender appears to have written "I want my Helen," apparently echoing the printed caption on the front. Another portion appears to read approximately, "Do you look / feel like this? I'm sure you do." The card is signed with indistinct initials, possibly C.M., followed by decorative flourishes. The sender's identity remains unknown.

A separate notation reads "Roy sends regards," indicating that Roy was not the sender. One possible family breadcrumb is Roy Wells of Elkton, son of Darius Wells and Julia Haney Wells. Darius Wells was a brother of Esther Wells Smith, making Roy Esther's nephew. Whether this is the Roy mentioned on the postcard remains unconfirmed.

A Christmas card only a few weeks earlier was addressed to Helen in Roseburg; this card places her at a specific Corvallis address in January 1909. Why Helen was in Corvallis at this time is presently unknown.



"I want my mama"

Corvallis Photos

Roy sends regards. I want my Helen

POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE

Do you look

I feel like this.

I miss you

Lo. S. S.

ADDRESS

ROSEBURG, OR.
JAN 15
13 PM
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329 ~~3~~ 2" St
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POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE

Roy sends regards. He want my Helen

Do you look
feel like this.
I'm sure you
do. Jim. SSSSS.

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